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Claims 1-13 are now in this application, and are presented for the Examiner's consideration.

Claims 1-6 have been amended to delete the numerals, to provide proper antecedent basis, to positively recite the various elements and limitations. Further, these claims have been amended to eliminate any multiple dependent claims, and for this reason, claims 7-13 have been added.

The specification has also been amended to add headings and correct one error.

Further, a new Abstract has been provided which is less than 150 words. The new Abstract is also provided on a separate sheet attached hereto.

Please charge any additional fees incurred by this Preliminary Amendment, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 07-1524.

It is hoped that this Preliminary Amendment will facilitate an examination of the application on its merits.

Respectfully submitted,


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Abstract of the Disclosure

A rotary pump includes a pump chamber disposed above a liquid basin, and a radial impeller with a vertical axis disposed in the pump chamber. An intake connecting piece is disposed coaxially with the impeller and is positioned in the liquid basin. Either an inner part of the radial impeller or an axial impeller in the intake connecting piece, is provided for aspirating liquid in an interior region of the pump chamber. Venting channels lead from the interior region of the pump chamber to an outside and extend along a side wall of the intake connecting piece up to about a plane of the intake opening of the intake connecting piece. At least one venting channel has a lateral opening in the side wall of the intake connecting piece which opens essentially in a radial direction to the pump chamber.